

FGDC National Boundaries Group
Federal Lands Working Group
Face-to-Face Meeting

March 20, 2018

Walter E. Washington Convention Center
Washington, D.C.

What we'll cover . . .

- Welcome and intros
- What's done and next?
- “Common agency needs”
- Making a base map
- Secrets to success
- Group Dinner



Introductions

Nice to meet you...



Announcements

New FLWG Website

- Fact sheet
- Meeting dates
- Call notes
- Presentations
- PAD-US Action Plan



The screenshot shows the 'Federal Lands Workgroup' page on the GeoPlatform. The header includes 'GeoPlatform | Governmental Units' and a 'Sign In' link. The main title is 'Federal Lands Workgroup' with a 'Current Fact Sheet' link. Below the title is a row of logos for participating agencies: USGS, BLM, NPS, FWS, BOEM, BIA, USBR, NRCS, and DoD. The text describes the group's mission to integrate land ownership and management boundaries. It also lists objectives such as automating data translation, contributing to the next PAD-US update, and implementing a persistent ID system. A section for 'Upcoming Webinar meetings' lists dates in March.

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Federal Lands Workgroup

[Current Fact Sheet](#)

[NGDA Datasets](#) [Theme Strategic Plan](#) [Theme Implementation Plan](#) [FGDC Address Standard Wiki](#)

Federal Lands Workgroup

USGS BLM NPS FWS BOEM BIA USBR NRCS DoD

Geospatial and realty professionals from land management (USFS, BLM, NPS, FWS, BOEM, BIA, USBR, NRCS and DoD) and other federal agencies (USGS, Census, NWCG) are working to **integrate land ownership and management boundaries to fulfill common agency needs.**

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- Identify and correct major boundary overlaps to produce a 'flat' ownership file
- Share FLWG goals and accomplishments through outreach
- Implement persistent ID system for links to other databases

Upcoming Webinar meetings:

- March 14th (3-4 EST)
- March 20th 4-5:30 EST (face-to-face with group dinner to follow), Washington Convention Center, Washington, D.C. (associated with Esri Federal Users Conference)

(communities.geoplatform.gov/ngda-govunits/federal-lands-workgroup/)

PAD-US 2.0 Publication Status

- Expected **May** 2018
- New database structure – manage **overlaps**
- More **documentation**
- **Federal** updates (8)
- **State** updates (12)
- State and local **sliver** errors removed
- New NCED **easements**
- Integrated **nonprofit** databases – TPL, DU, TNC



State Support for America's Inventory of Public Parks and Protected Areas

The Protected Areas Database of the United States (PAD-US) is America's inventory of public parks and protected areas. Published by the United States Geological Survey (USGS), PAD-US is a GIS database of over 150,000 sites, totaling 3 billion acres of land and marine protected areas, and includes lands owned outright by agencies and NGOs, and lands with conservation easements.

State Data Stewards, who make up the FGDC State Lands Working Group, are essential partners in building PAD-US, providing data on state, regional and local protected areas for inclusion into each PAD-US release.

While not every state has a public agency, nonprofit or university data steward that is able to assemble this data, many do and it is a top goal of the FGDC National Boundaries Group, led by USGS and the U.S. Census Bureau in coordination with state partners, to seek support for these efforts.

Learn more about State Data Stewards, including contacts, at: www.Protectedlands.net/partners

Current Priorities:

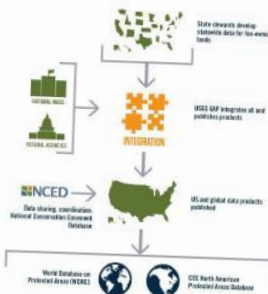
- Increase awareness and build support for the state data steward network
- Improve and adopt PAD-US standards for core data attributes
- Increase the efficiency of state and local government updates
- Expand inventory completeness, especially local parks
- Review conservation and recreation measures in PAD-US
- Improve coordination with the FGDC Federal Lands Workgroup
- Share applications and assess needs

Note: State stewards focus on fee lands; conservation easement data is collected by the National Conservation Easement Database and incorporated into PAD-US.



The Protected Areas Database of the U.S. - v. 1.4 May 2016

How PAD-US is Built



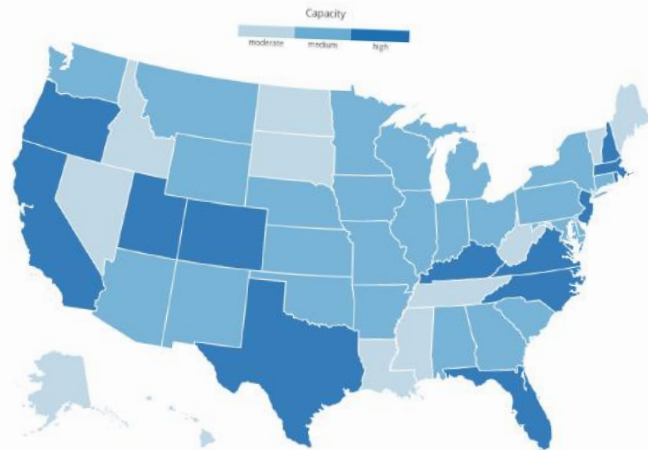
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FGDC State Lands Working Group (part of National Boundaries Group)
<https://communities.geoplatform.gov/ngds-govunits/national-boundaries-group>

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PAD-US State Data Stewards

State data steward agencies and organizations that contribute to PAD-US have varying capacities for management of comprehensive state protected areas data, as the map below indicates. Learn more about data stewards, their contacts, and the completeness of state protected areas data inventories at: <https://geopanalysis.usgs.gov/padus/partners/> and <http://www.protectedlands.net/data-stewards/> (access to interactive map below).



The State Lands Working Group (made up of PAD-US state data stewards and advisors) is an element of the National Boundaries Group (NBG), a part of the FGDC National Geospatial Data Asset Theme Community, whose purpose is to develop nationally consistent and accurate boundaries that are integrated using the same geographic base. The NBG coordinates boundary information sharing among federal, state, local, tribal, and private organizations.

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<http://gapanalysis.usgs.gov/pedunc>
www.protectedlands.net

Visit the FGDC Booth!



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Attend the NBG meeting!

Wednesday, March 21st

1:00 – 3:00 ET

Convention Center

Room 141

Vision and Goals

What do we all want?

- Find out about any park or protected area
- Anywhere in the U.S.
- All in one data set

That's the **vision** for PAD-US

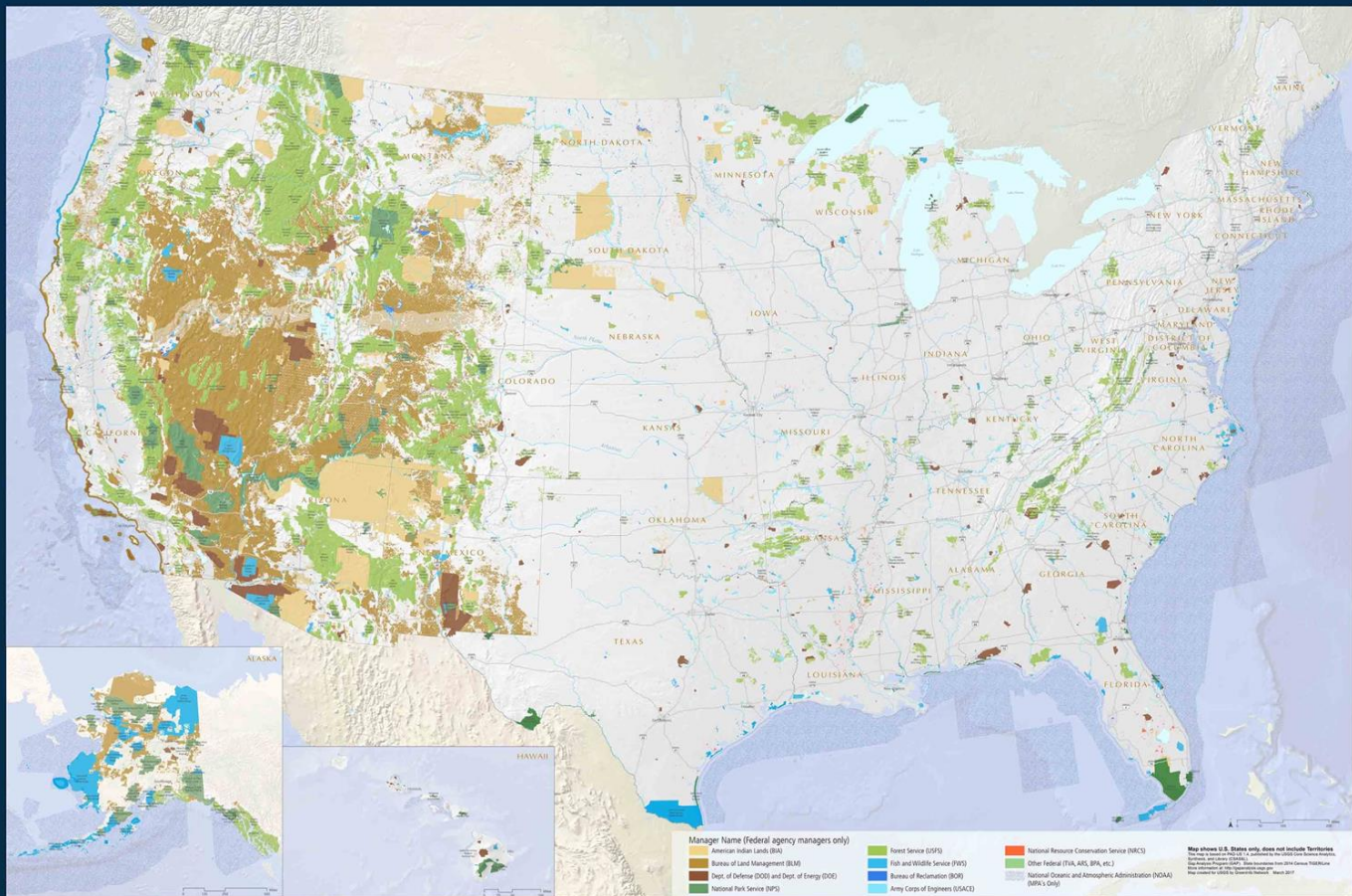




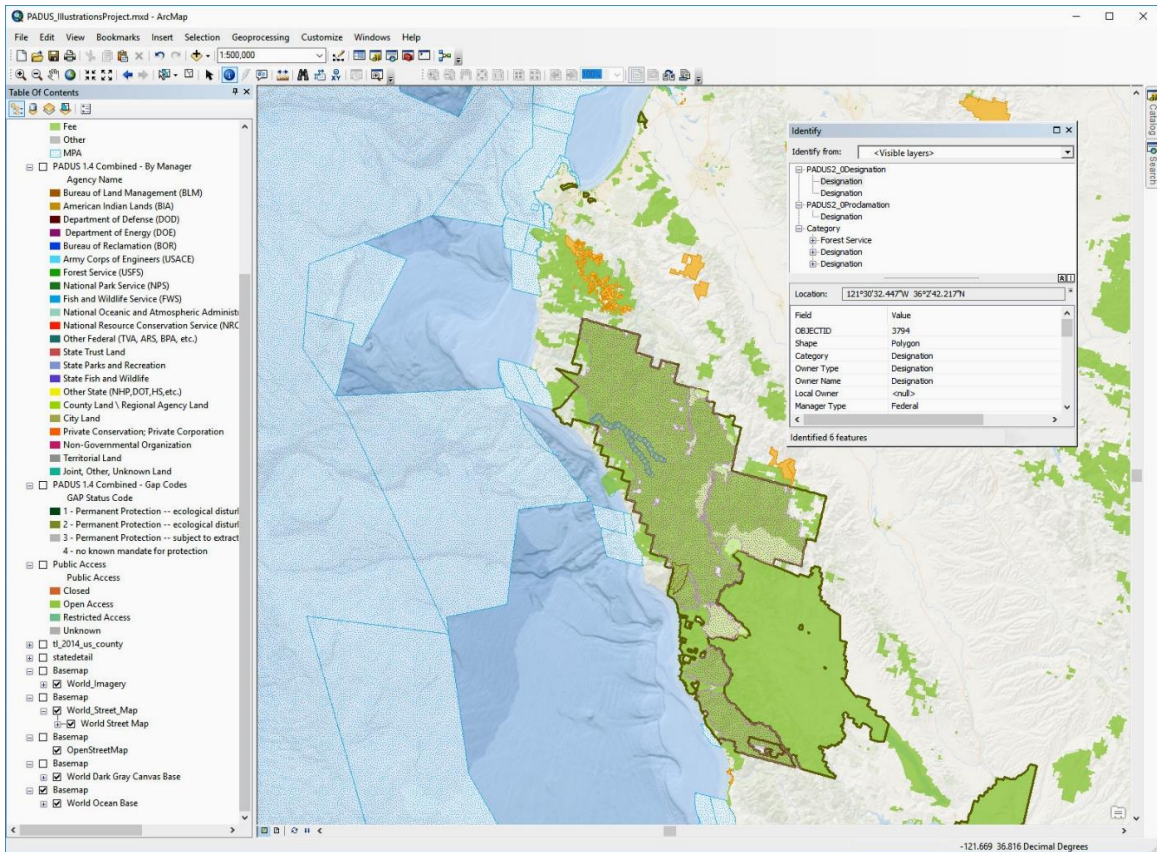
Lands for recreation, habitat, timber and more



Protected Areas Database of the U.S. (PAD-US) - Federally Managed Lands



GIS data

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Supports many users



Federal Lands Vision



Complete Accurate Standardized Annual

aggregation of federally owned lands and waters

with management designations to fulfill **common** agency **needs**.

Aiming for: full parcel-based inventory + automated updates

Accomplishments and Goals

FLWG Fact Sheet

- 14 land managing and related **agencies**
- Collaboration** to support aggregation of federal land ownership and management designations into PAD-US
- Sharing** best practices, improving internal systems, raising awareness

Interagency coordination for inventorying federal lands

FGDC Federal Lands Workgroup

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The workgroup's procedures enable the compilation of protected lands data for all federal agencies into the Protected Areas Database of the United States (PAD-US), published by the USGS Gap Analysis Program.

Integrating Federal Lands into PAD-US

FY 2016 Accomplishments

- Published aggregated federal land ownership and management designations in PAD-US 1.4
- Developed a tool to harness review comments regarding federal lands data
- Documented source data translation into PAD-US scheme and needs to increase efficiency
- Significantly reduced boundary overlap errors between agency datasets, identified new priorities
- Improved "Agency Name" standard in cooperation with BLM and USGS Board of Geographic Names
- Maintain monthly calls and primary contacts from each federal land management agency

Review: 10/1/2018

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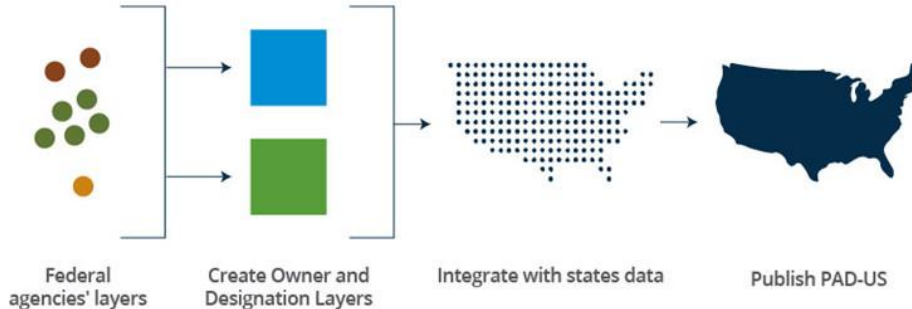
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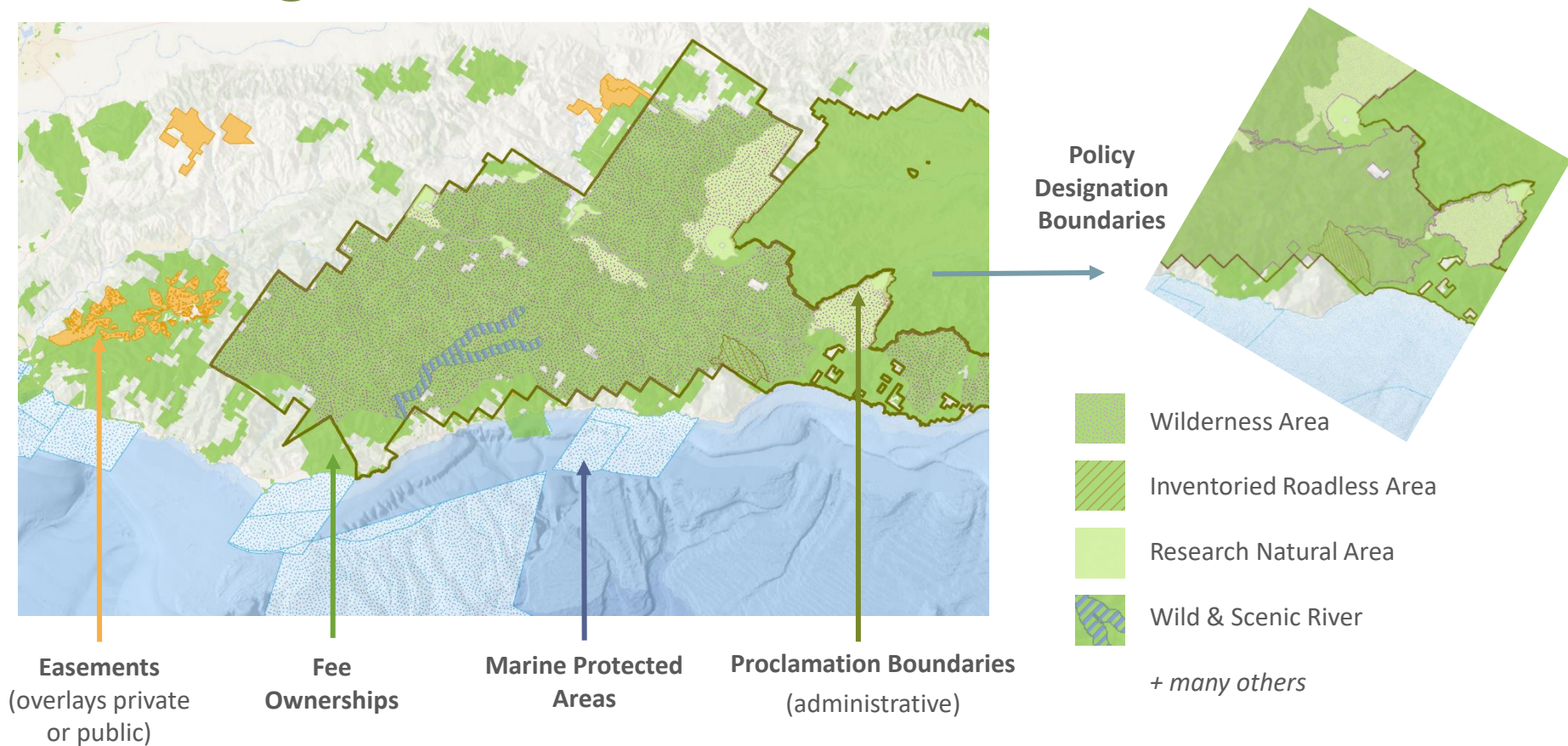
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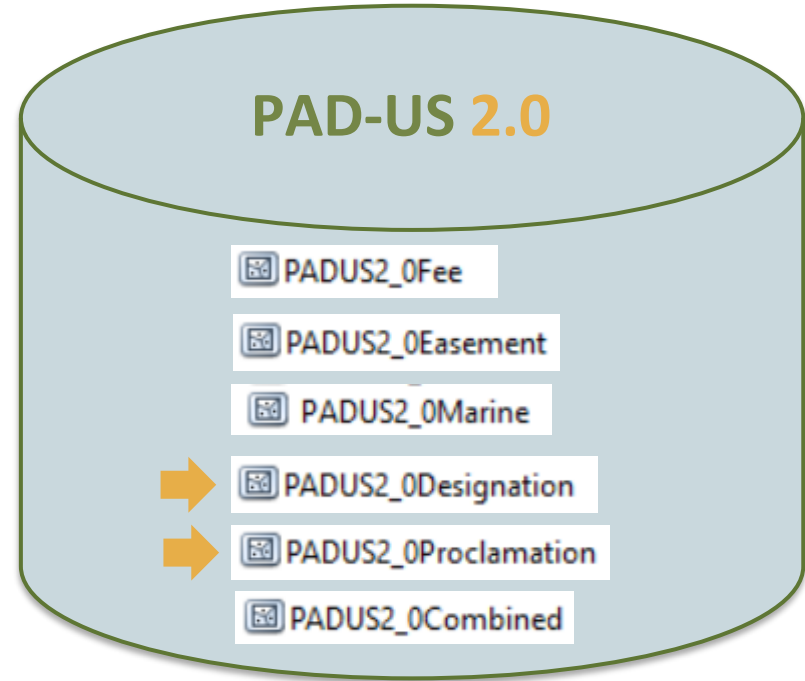
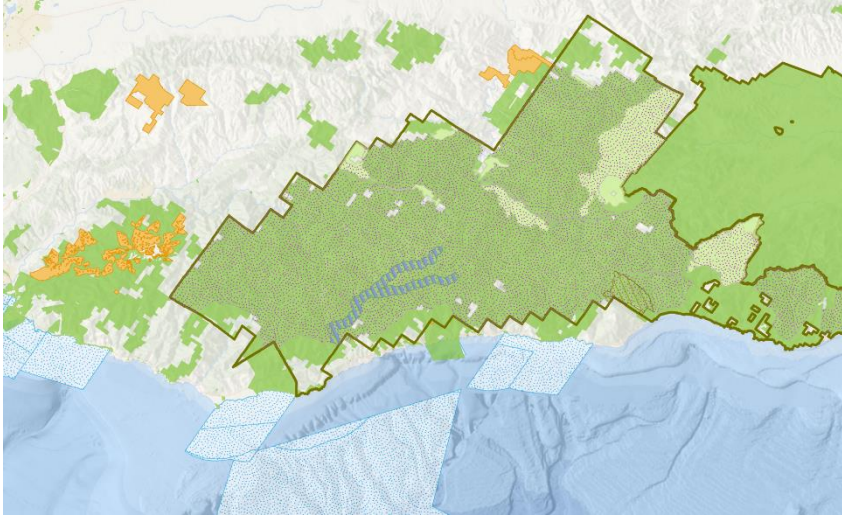
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Tracking Source Data

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Stewards

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+ New

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100

entries

(any state)

(any level)

Search:

State	Organization Name	Type	Completeness	Capacity	Grants	Data Updates	Communications
★	✎ Forest Service	Federal	99	High	0	9	0
★	✎ Census Bureau (state lines)	Federal	100	High	0	1	1
	✎ National Park Service	Federal	95	High	0	2	0
★	✎ Department of Defense	Federal	79	High	0	1	0
★	✎ Bureau of Ocean Energy Management	Federal	95	High	0	4	0
★	✎ National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	Federal	95	High	0	1	0
★	✎ Natural Resources Conservation Service	Federal	85	High	0	1	0
★	✎ Bureau of Reclamation	Federal	50	Moderate	0	1	0
★	✎ Army Corps of Engineers	Federal	80	Medium	0	2	0
★	✎ Bureau of Land Management	Federal	85	High	0	11	3
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★	✎ National Park Service	Federal	95	High	0	4	2

Agency Reporting

ESTIMATED FEDERAL LANDS

Individual federal agency estimate including fee parcels, easement in

National Park Service
Forest Service
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Land Management
Army Corps of Engineers
Department of Defense
Bureau of Reclamation

Protected Areas Database of the United States (PAD-US) — Data Steward Report

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Forest Service



Steward program description: Established in 1905, the Forest Service is an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and manages national forests and grasslands which encompass 193 million acres of land in almost 300 separate units. The Service's Automated Lands Program (ALP) provides data on these lands to PAD-US.

Steward Information

Program Name: Washington Office-Lands and Realty Management-Automated Lands Program
Organization Status: Active
Program Status: Active
Website: <https://www.fs.fed.us/>
Data Download URL:
<https://data.fs.usda.gov/geodata/edw/datasets.php?xmlKeyword=PADUS>
Other Page or Portal: <https://www.fs.fed.us/land/staff/index.shtml>

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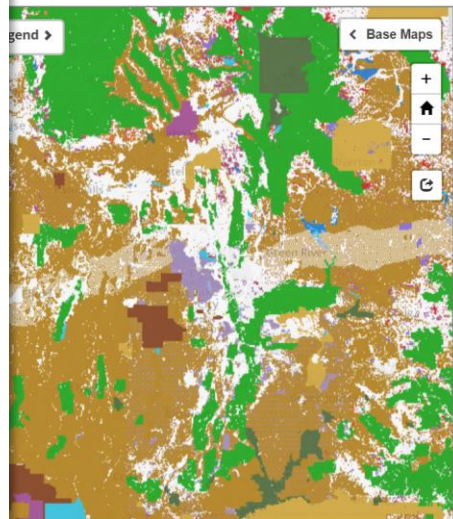
This report is in support of PAD-US, the Protected Areas Database of the US, published by USGS. Information on PAD-US data stewards can be found at the www.ProtectedLands.net PAD-US companion website. More information about PAD-US is available on the USGS PADUS website: <http://gapanalysis.usgs.gov/padus>

Current Completeness of Agency Data: 99 %

Notes: Fee parcel ownership, easement interest and designations (congressional and executive) for all USFS lands available in PAD-US format from national data steward. Active participation in FGDC Federal Lands Working Group. Improved administrative designations (complete RNAs, national grazing/mining allotments, etc.) are needed to better represent biodiversity protection and/or recreation opportunities on multiple use lands.

Updates Contributed to PAD-US

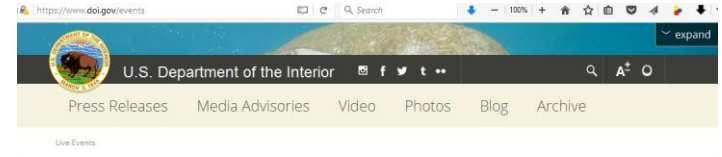
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PAD-US 2.0	Easements	September 2017
PAD-US 2.0	Spec. Interest Area	September 2017
PAD-US 2.0	Wilderness	September 2017
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PAD-US 2.0	Roadless Areas	September 2017
PAD-US 2.0	Withdrawal Areas	September 2017
PAD-US 2.0	NFS Land Units	September 2017
PAD-US 2.0	Surface Ownership	September 2017



<http://www.protectedlands.net/data-stewards/>

DOI Office of Policy Analysis – July 9th

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- Ron Salz – Chief Cartographer, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
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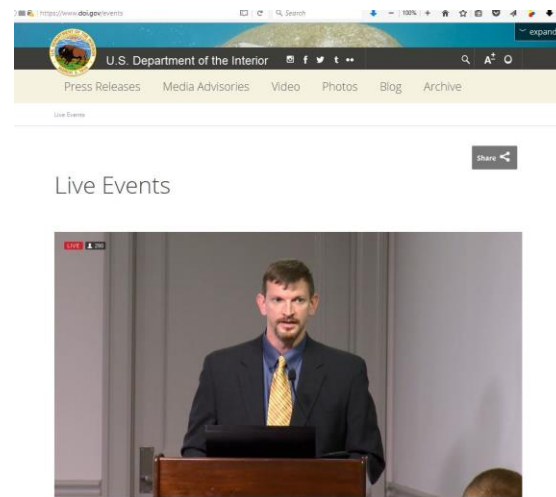


Live Events



Congressional Research Service update – July 10th

- What's new in 2?
- Update on known **data gaps**
- Representation in U.S. **Territories?**
- How to manage **overlaps**
- **Military** land updates? Previous version only included major installations
- Possible to include **attributes** (#bldg, #facilities, etc.) from Military Infrastructure Capacity Report?



Common Agency Needs

Many uses...

Conservation

Recreation

Land use planning

Fire and hazards

Federal ownership

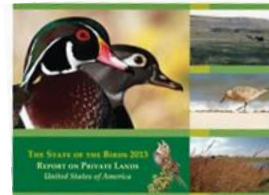
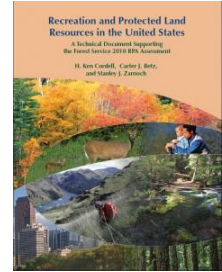
Public lands

Natural resource
management

Global reporting



NPScape



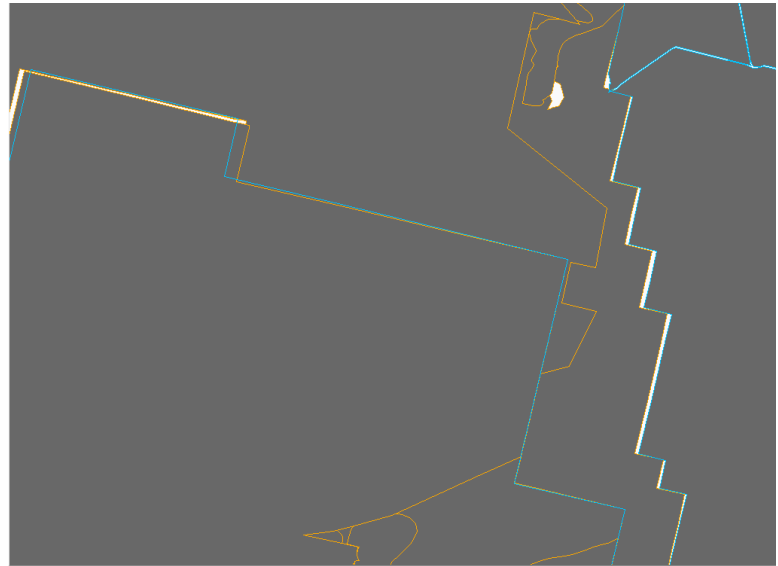
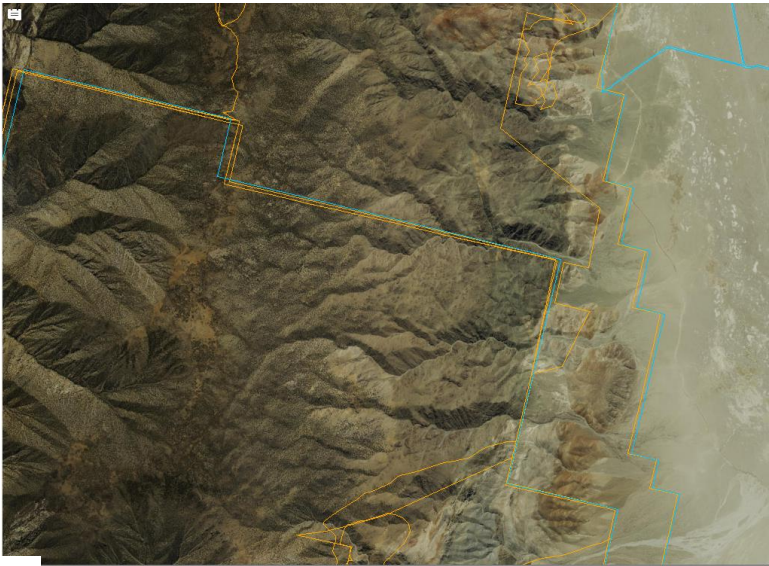
Congressional Research Service – Current Uses

- Updated **Federal ownership** maps
- **Public ownership** by congressional district
- **Agency** specific lands in state or congressional district
- **Designation** boundaries (Parks, Monuments, etc.)
- Identifying **military** installations for gov reports
- Locating federal areas in U.S. **Territories**

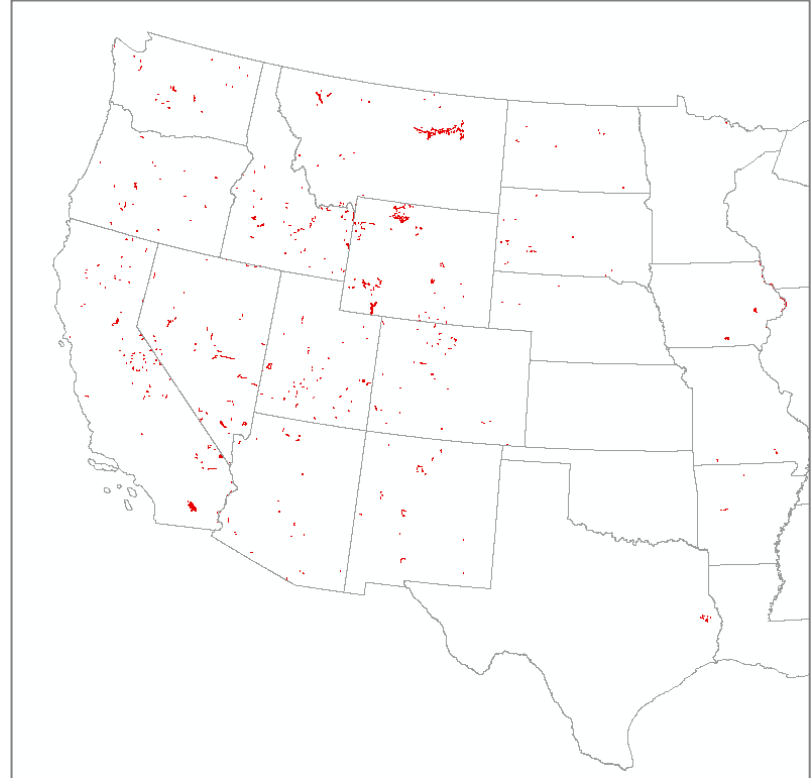
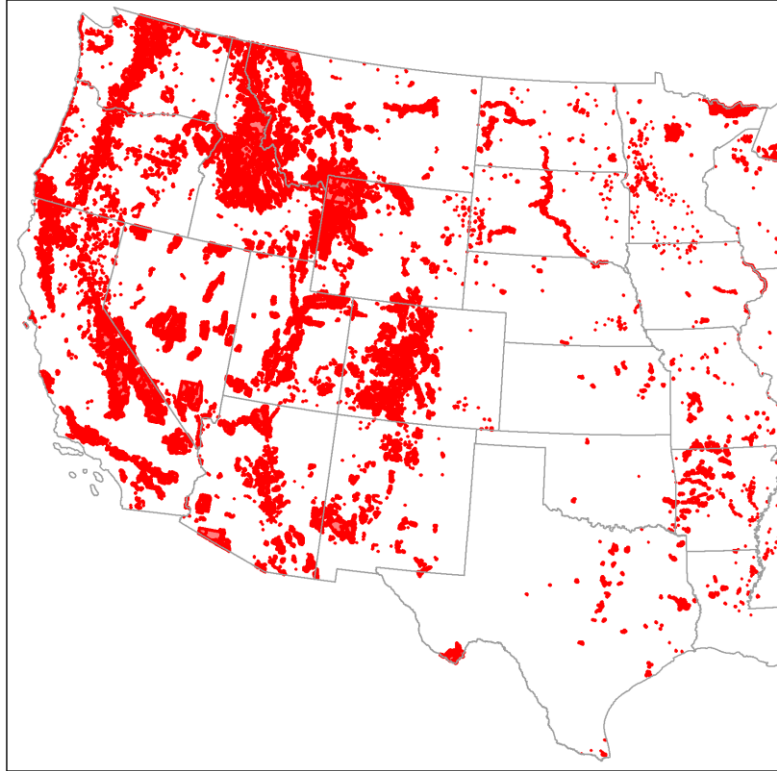


Improve data quality

Identify, manage and correct **boundary** overlaps

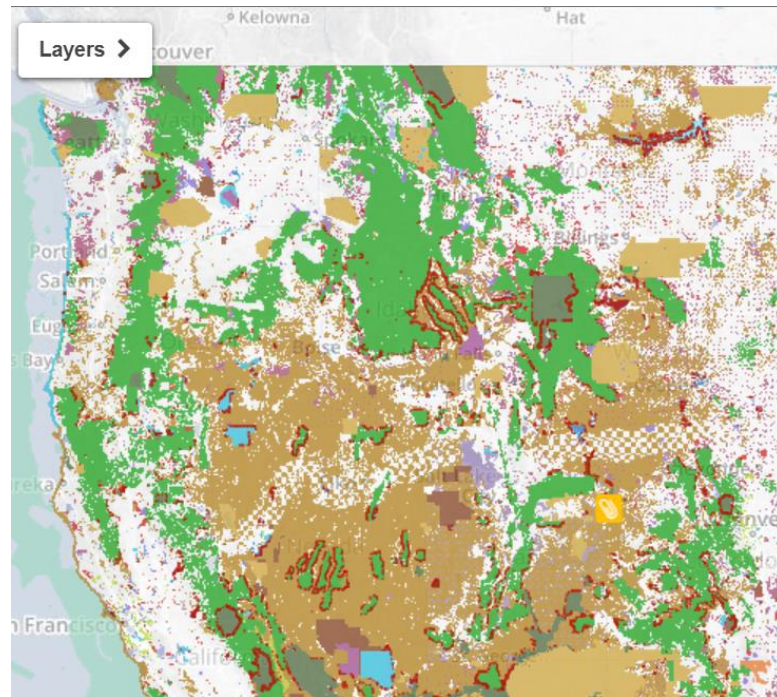


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- Review tool – suggest edits to reduce **topology** overlaps
- Revise linework or attributes
- Review federal and **state** (other) overlaps
- Census state boundary **standard** – address slivers

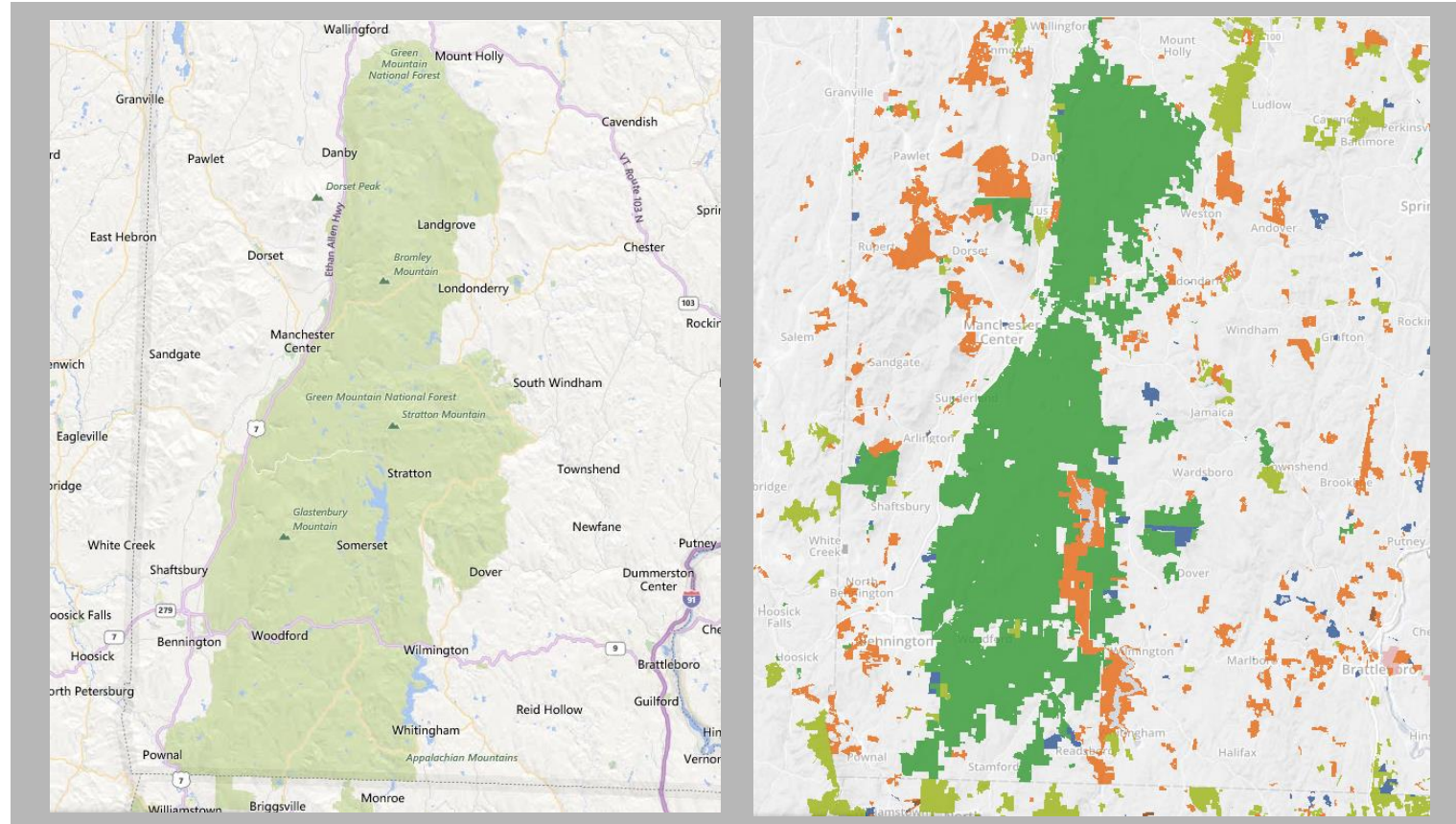


Improve attributes

- **Category** - esp **Fee** parcel
 - **Owner / Manager** Name
 - **Unit Name** - Proper Case, no acronyms, designation type included
 - **Designation Type** vs *Local* Type
 - Public **Access** (open, restricted, closed)
 - **GAP Status** Code (biodiversity, multiple use, no known protection)
- | | |
|---|--|
|  | National Park |
|  | Conservation Area |
|  | National Wildlife Refuge |
|  | Wilderness Area |
|  | Wild and Scenic River |
|  | Wilderness Study Area |
|  | National Scenic Botanical or Volcanic Area |
|  | National Lakeshore or Seashore |
|  | Inventoried Roadless Area |
|  | Area of Critical Environmental Concern |
|  | Research Natural Area |
|  | Mitigation Land or Bank |

Making a base map

Base maps and authoritative data



FLWG Feedback

What makes the FLWG **successful**?

- Quality product (PAD-US) **meets common agency needs**
- Compelling derivative **products** for stakeholders
- Shared goals, vision and **ownership**
- Plain, focused and **action-oriented**
- **Flexible** contributions by participants
- **Right people**, right organizational levels
- Regular **communication**
- Trust, **commitment**, follow-through

Keeping up the **momentum**

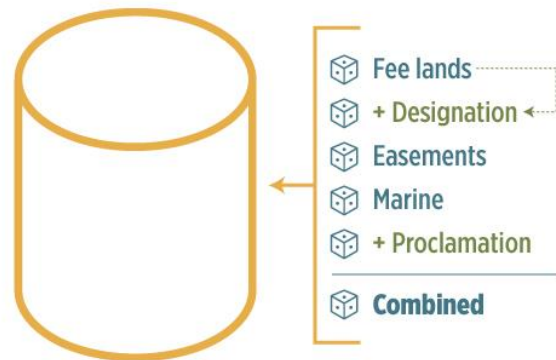
- Ensure **representation** during meetings
- Build support for **workplan** – how can we help you?
- Pass the baton – **connect** colleagues, esp during transitions
- **Post** short FLWG overview
- **Post** full PAD-US overview



Focus on **Priorities**

- Automate updates
- Complete inventory
- Add persistent ID
- Expand outreach
- Improve Fee topology

A Better Geodatabase for PAD-US



Let's eat!



El Sol @ 6pm